

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 28, 2010. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith to extend the deadline for response from October 28, 2010 to November 28, 2010. In addition, because November 28, 2010 falls on a Sunday, the deadline is further extended to the following Monday, November 29, 2010.

In the Office Action, claims 1-10 are subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner also noted informalities in claims 1-10. With this Amendment, claims 1-10 are amended. All amendments are fully supported by the original specification and drawings. No new matter is added. Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. In light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits and advancement of this application to allowance.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification is amended at page 2, paragraph [0008] to properly introduce the abbreviation RPM as “revolutions per minute.” No new matter is added.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicants thank the Examiner for noting several informalities in the claims. Claims 1-10 have been amended to address the informalities, as follows.

The claims are amended to renumber the steps and sub-steps with appropriate references, such as “a)”, “a1)”, etc.

The claims are amended to replace the first occurrence of “RPM” with “revolutions per minute (RPM)”.

Parentheses have been removed from the claims where appropriate.

The Office Action also suggests that all claims should start with “—Claim 1—”, etc. Applicants respectfully disagree. Standard claim numbering has been used in the application, including a number followed by a period (e.g., “1.”, “2.”, etc.). Reconsideration is requested.

Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, claims 1-10 are subject to a Restriction Requirement including Group I (claims 1, 3, and 5-10), Group II (claim 2), and Group III (claim 4). The Office Action asserts that, while all three groups are drawn to methods for detecting a fault, the inventions are distinct as being unrelated.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction on the grounds that Applicants do not necessarily agree with or wish to be bound by the restriction. Without acquiescing to the statements made in the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, including claims 1, 3, and 5-10, for prosecution in the instant application. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

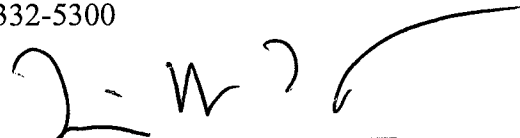
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. There may be additional reasons that the pending subject matter is patentably distinct from the cited references in addition to those discussed herein. Applicants reserve the right to raise any such arguments in the future. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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